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the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the pair of sliding members in opposite wire longitudinal directions.

3. (Amended) A braid folding method of a shielded wire, comprising the steps of:
beating a braid exposed on an inner cover of the shielded wire by a primary expanding means so as to outwardly expand the braid;
entering an expanding pipe into an inside of the braid along the inner cover so as to further outwardly expand the braid by an end sloping portion of the expanding pipe; and
advancing a braid folding member along an outside surface of the expanding pipe so as to push the braid in an axial direction of the shielded wire and to fold back the braid, wherein
the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the pair of sliding members in opposite wire longitudinal directions.